

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Robert Lawrence FAIR

Serial no. : 10/614,630 Filed : July 7, 2003

For : A MULTIPLE HIERARICHAL/PEER DOMAIN

FILE SERVER WITH DOMAIN BASED, CROSS DOMAIN COOPERATIVE, FAULT HANDLING

**MECHANISMS** 

Group Art Unit : 2184

Examiner : Rita A. Ziemer

Docket : EMCCOR P08AUSD1

The Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

## In the claims:

Please cancel claims 3, 4 and 5 and please amend claim 1 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout .